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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventors: Kazuaki SUZUKI; Yasushi MAEDA and  
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For: A JOINT STRUCTURE USING A GUSSET PLATE, A BUILDING USING THE  
JOINT STRUCTURE AND A METHOD OF ASSEMBLING OR REINFORCING A  
BUILDING

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Twenty-eight (28) pages
- Twelve (12) sheet(s) formal drawings
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions  
of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on  
Application No(s). 2003-121839 filed in JAPAN on April 25,  
2003.
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- Executed Declaration ( Original  Photocopy)
- An assignment of the invention
- Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- Other: Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73 (b)
- Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) (2) (B) (i)

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